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SUBJECT: HIGH PARTY GATHERING IN SOFIA

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1. BULGARIAN PRESS MARCH 2 ANNOUNCED MARCH 1
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ARRIVAL IN SOFIA OF HIGH RANKING POLITBURO MEMBERS,
CANDIDATE MEMBERS, AND SECRETARIES FROM USSR, GDR,
CUBA, MONGOLIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, HUNGARY, AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FOR "CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES OF
CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF FRATERNAL PARTIES FROM THE
SOCIALIST PARTIES."

2. THOSE LISTED AS ARRIVING WERE: A. USSR - BORIS PONOMAREV, POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER (CM) AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) SECRETARY AND CC SECRETARIES KONSTANTIN KATUSHEV AND MIKHAIL ZIMYANIN. B. GDR - POLITBURO MEMBERS KURT HAGER, HERMANN AXEN, AND WERNER LAMBERZ. C. CUBA - ANTONIO PEREZ ERERO, MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT OF CC. D. MONGOLIA - CC SECRETARY SANDAGIYN SOSORBARAM. E. POLAND - POLITBURO CM AND CC SECRETARY JERZY LUKASZEWICZ, AND CC SECRETARY RYSZARD FRELEK. F. ROMANIA - CORNEL BURTICA, MEMBER OF POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CC SECRETARY. G. HUNGARY - CM OF POLITBURO AND SECRETARY OF CC OF HSWP MIKLOS OVARI AND CC SECRETARIES ANDRAS GYENES AND IMRE GYORI. H. CZECHOSLOVAKIA - VASIL BILAK, MEMBER OF PRESIDIUM AND CC SECRETARY, AND JOSEF HAVLIN, MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT AND SECRETARY OF CC OF CZECH CP.

3. VISITORS WERE MET AT AIRPORT BY ALEXANDER LILOV AND GRISHA FILIPOV (BOTH POLITBURO MEMBERS AND CC SECRETARIES) AND BY CC DEPARTMENT HEADS DIMITUR STANISHEV (FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) AND STOYAN MIHAILOV (PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION.)

4. THREE SOVIETS WERE RECEIVED BY ZHIVKOV MARCH 1 IN PRESENCE OF LILOV, SOVIET AMBASSADOR BASOVSKI, AND MILKO BALEV, ZHIVKOV'S CHEF DE CABINET.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT OF MEETING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIMING AND PARTICIPANTS SUGGEST AS POSSIBILITIES: (A) CONTAINMENT OF DISSIDENCE, (B) UPSTAGING OF EUROCOMMUNIST MEETING IN LISBON, AND/OR (C) ORCHESTRATION FOR BELGRADE '77. FROM LOCAL POINT-OF-VIEW, ZHIVKOV'S CANCELLATION OF TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA MAY NOW BE EXPLAINED. (REF). HERZ

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